



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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NEW MEXICO, Southeast

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Guadalupe Mountains Of Eddy County

02	0104MST	1	2	15K	0	High Wind (MG86)
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An intense upper level storm system which passed close to West Texas and southeast New Mexico resulted in very strong west winds in the higher elevations of the Guadalupe Mountains. An automated observing site in the Guadalupe Mountains recorded a peak wind gust of 99 MPH around 21:00 MST on the 2nd. The high winds blew a vehicle off of the north/south oriented Highway 62/180 near mile marker 6. The accident, occurring at 11:00 MST on the 2nd, resulted in one death and two injuries.

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TEXAS, West

Brewster County

7 SW Panther Junction	20	1400CST 1420CST	1	0	0	0	Lightning
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A thunderstorm which moved across the Chisos Basin of the Texas Big Bend resulted in a lightning fatality. A man who was hiking in the Chisos Mountains died when he was struck by lightning. The man was reported missing by his wife two days later, and National Park rangers located his body within a few hours of the report. An autopsy confirmed a lightning strike was the cause of death. The time of the event is estimated based on archived satellite and lightning data.

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